

EDITORIAL

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION held its Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting in Washington, D. C., on October 17-21, 1938, with a registered attendance of 233 people. The program carried fifty-nine titles, and three days were allotted for their delivery. The Brewster Medal Award was granted to Dr. Thomas S. Roberts in recognition of his work on "The Birds of Minnesota". Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, was elected a Fellow. Two Honorary Fellows and six Corresponding Fellows were also elected. Eight members were elected, including, Thomas T. McCabe, Harold Michener, Gayle B. Pickwell, E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., all of California, Austin L. Rand, New York, Alexander F. Skutch, Maryland, Herbert G. Deignan, Washington, D. C., and S. Gilbert Emilio, Massachusetts. The number of Associate Members elected was 337. The next A. O. U. meeting will be held in the San Francisco Bay Region of California on June 19-23, 1939. The official announcement has also been made that the A. O. U. will hold a meeting in May, 1942, at Philadelphia, in order to serve as host to the Eleventh International Ornithological Congress.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on November 25-26, 1938. The total registered attendance was 265 (113 members and 152 visitors), and the number of papers listed on the program was forty-four. A full report of the meeting will be given as usual in the March number. Louisville, Kentucky, was selected as the meeting place for 1939.

IN BEHALF OF the Wilson Ornithological Club the WILSON BULLETIN wishes to acknowledge the generous compliment from the National Association of Audubon Societies, which we have just read on the editorial page of the November-December issue of *Bird-Lore*. Such cheering words from an institution so long and well established, and through the medium of one of our most esteemed contemporary magazines—so long associated with the name of one of America's most renowned ornithological leaders, Dr. Frank M. Chapman—will warm the hearts of all of us. If all the fine things which have been said are true, it is because of steadfastness of purpose and untiring effort. We thank *Bird-Lore* for its kindly overtures, and wish for it a long-continuation of the era of growth and prosperity which it is now enjoying.

OUR READERS may be interested in the fact that an Audubon Museum is being erected by the Federal Works Progress Administration in the Audubon Memorial Park, which is located along the Ohio River about one mile north of Henderson, Ky. The Park consists of 400 acres of high, rolling, and thickly wooded land, overlooking a "majestic stretch of the Ohio River". The two-story Museum building is built of gray stone, in the Norman style of architecture. It seems to be the plan to gather for permanent exhibition in this building a complete collection of Audubon prints, books, portraits, mounted birds, and other Auduboniana. It may be possible that such a location is a good one for an Audubon exhibit, but if so,

it would seem to us that there would be many reasons why the entire setting should be primitive and natural. The WPA report states that "A formal garden will be laid out in front of the building". Of course, the landscape architects who are in charge of such an enterprise can not forego the opportunity to insert a little of their own brain genius. There is such a wide difference in the ideals of architects and engineers on the one hand, and nature lovers on the other hand, that coöperation is usually not feasible.

MRS. H. M. BAILEY, 610 Twentieth Street, Sioux City, Iowa, has a run of the WILSON BULLETIN, 1918 to 1936 inclusive, which she would like to dispose of.

WE HAVE SEEN a new type of binder for the WILSON BULLETIN, which is retailed by the National Association of Audubon Societies (1775 Broadway, New York, N. Y.). The actual binding is done by the owner, at home, but the cover comes already lettered and ready to be affixed. You will need to caution the makers that you wish to have the title exactly centered on the back of the book, for they are a little careless about that. The price of the binder for one volume of the BULLETIN is \$1.25—not much cheaper than permanent binding, but sturdy and worth the price. With so ready a means of binding many more of us will want to preserve the volumes of the BULLETIN.

IN RUNNING THROUGH a file of papers on conservation we ran across a printed leaflet giving the "Extension of remarks of Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York, in the House of Representatives" on April 29, 1926. At this time he was discussing H. R. 7479, known as the migratory bird bill. This bill contained the provision for public shooting grounds, and Mr. LaGuardia was opposing it for that reason. On this subject Mr. LaGuardia said: "When the bill was before the House in the Sixty-eighth Congress I voted against it. I did so for the reason that I am strongly and unequivocally in favor of a real bill for the protection of the bird life of this country and that I am unalterably opposed to an unsportsman-like bill, which, under the guise of a conservation of bird life bill, creates so-called sanctuaries that may be turned into shooting grounds for unsportsmen hunters to slaughter birds." Mr. LaGuardia further exposed the lobby that was behind the bill. He gave his full support to the Merritt Bill (H. R. 10433) which provided for reduced bag limits on game birds. His record in Congress shows him to be a true conservationist, and a fearless one.

WITH the completion of this issue of the WILSON BULLETIN the Editor retires. His successor has not yet been named.